

# Finding of No Significant Impacts

Oak Canyon Riparian Pasture Fence

Environmental Assessment #OR-056-02-004 Project # 73-7233

Prineville District Bureau of Land Management, Deschutes Resource Area

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## Summary of Proposed Action Alternatives

An interdisciplinary team of resource specialists at the Prineville District BLM analyzed a proposal to construct a riparian fence in Oak Canyon. The project is located in Township 3 South, Range 15 East, Sections 7 & 8, and involves the construction of one mile of fence on the east side of the drainage and approximately ¼ mile of fence on the west side of the drainage to exclude cattle from the riparian area. Keeping the cattle out of Oakbrook during critical periods and allowing a proper grazing management schedule is the goal and the fence will be used as the tool to accomplish this action. A no-action alternative was also considered.

## FONSI Determination

Based on the information contained in the EA, and other available information, it is my determination that none of the alternatives would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. My reasons for this determination are:

- < There would be no significant irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources.
- < There would be no significant, adverse impacts to water quality or stream channel morphology.
- < There were no identified impacts or issues related to public health or safety.
- < Cultural resource impacts would not be expected.
- < There would be no impact on Threatened, Endangered or Sensitive plants or animals within the affected area.
- < Wetlands and floodplains would not be impacted, as the fence would be located in the uplands.
- < The proposed action is not part of any other action having potential for cumulatively significant impacts to the important or relevant resource values for the area involved.
- < The area is within a Wild and Scenic River boundary. However no impacts to those outstandingly remarkable values would occur.

Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is unnecessary and will not be prepared. The proposed action and alternatives are consistent with the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (1993).

Approved     /s/ JC Hanf Acting for  
Robert Towne  
Field Manager, Deschutes Resource Area

12/17/02  
Date

